

House Resolution No. 693

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their guidance of organizations dedicated to bettering the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Irving Blue has attained considerable distinction as the Executive Director of the Forest Park Southeast Development Corporation; and

Whereas, on February 23, 2008, Irving Blue will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when his labors help ensure the success of the Blacks in Science Day Forum and the Blacks in Science Awards Dinner; and

Whereas, a collaborative project between the Forest Park Southeast Development Corporation and the Saint Louis Science Center, the Blacks in Science Day Forum and Blacks in Science Awards Dinner will attract more than three hundred scientists, educators, students, corporations, and community leaders; and

Whereas, in addition to its educational function, the Blacks in Science Day Forum and Blacks in Science Awards Dinner raise funds to support youth programs and scholarships in science fields for African American and disadvantaged youth; and

Whereas, the Blacks in Science initiative works to increase diversity in the classroom and the workplace through recognition and support of varying skill sets in order to contribute to individual, social, and global growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, following its motto to "Expose. Explore. Empower", the Blacks in Science initiative takes as its mission to increase exposure of black youth to meaningful science-related experiences, provide opportunities for underserved youth to explore science and technology, and to empower students academically, socially, and economically;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the leadership endeavors engaged in by Irving Blue with the Forest Park Southeast Development Corporation and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his work that ensures the success of the Blacks in Science Day Forum and the 2008 Blacks in Science Award Dinner; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Irving Blue.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 693, adopted February 19, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker